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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I am writing to protest the settlement of the Microsoft case. Microsoft is has illegally leverage their illegally created monopoly in Operating Systems to create a monopoly in browsers and office productivity applications. I do not believe that the DOJ should settle the case and should push for a breakup of microsoft. I believe the breakup should be into three parts; Operating Systems, Business applications, and internet related technologies. I also believe that microsoft should be forced to sell off their programming language division and be forced to use a third party's tools. This would ensure that microsoft could no longer put other companies at a disadvantage by ?hiding? APIs that only they have access and knowledge.

Microsoft has hurt the consumer repeatedly by their predatory practices and they should be reigned in. The decision should be more than just a fine. No matter how large the fine is, if the decision does not force microsoft to stop their illegal practices, then the decision will be viewed by microsoft simply as the cost of doing business. And no matter the amount of the fine, microsoft would view a fine as a welcome and preferential decision.

This is the DOJ's chance to level the playing field for all of microsoft's competitors and to establish choice as an option. Please do not waste it.

Thank you,
David